

WMA Regulations

WMA Public Drawing Hunts

The SCDNR offers a variety of WMA hunts through computerized drawings. Hunt fees range from \$10 to \$100 per hunter and must be submitted at the time of application. Applications for deer hunts are available in July, waterfowl and quail hunts in September, and youth/adult only turkey hunts in February. Deadlines to apply for draw hunts are generally mid-August (deer), mid-October for quail and waterfowl and early March for youth turkey hunts. Applications are available at SCDNR offices statewide (refer to directory on page 58) or write SCDNR Public Drawing Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or visit our web site at http://www.dnr.state.sc.us.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

On all DNR owned WMA lands the removal of artifacts or ecofacts (including arrowheads) from the surface or subsurface is prohibited except when approved by the State Historic Preservation Office and carried out in accordance with their guidelines.

See page 35 for regulations on private lands in Game Zones 1, 2 & 4.

Statutes 50-11-2200 and 50-11-2210 authorizes the promulgation of WMA regulations. See specific game zones for seasons.

- Except as provided in these regulations, it is unlawful to hunt or take wildlife on areas designated by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) as Wildlife Management Area (WMA) lands.
- 2.2 Entry onto WMA land is done wholly and completely at the risk of the individual. Neither the landowner or the State of South Carolina nor the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources accepts any responsibility for acts, omissions, or activities or conditions on these lands which cause or may cause personal injury or property damage.
- 2.3 Entry onto WMA land constitutes consent to an inspection and search of the person, game bag or creel.
- It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or take wildlife on WMA land unless an individual is in possession of a valid South Carolina license; a valid WMA permit; and other applicable federal or state permits, stamps, or licenses.
- 2.5 No Sunday hunting is permitted on any WMA lands.
- 2.6 On all WMA lands, baiting or hunting over a baited area is prohibited.

As used in this section, "bait" or "baiting" means the placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat, or other grain or other food stuffs to constitute an attraction, lure, or enticement to, on, or over any area. "Baited area" means an area where bait is directly or indirectly placed, deposited, exposed, distributed, or scattered and the area remains a baited area for ten (10) days following the complete removal of all bait.

- On WMA lands construction or use of tree stands is prohibited if the tree stand is constructed by driving nails or other devices into trees or if wire is wrapped around trees. Other tree stands and temporary screw-in type climbing devices are permitted provided they are not permanently affixed or embedded in the tree.
- On WMA lands any hunter younger than sixteen (16) years of age must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older) who is validly licensed and holds applicable permits, licenses or stamps for the use of WMA lands. Sight and voice contact must be maintained.
- Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, the Department may permit special events on any day during the regular hunting season.
- 2.10 No person may release or attempt to release any animal onto Department-owned WMA lands without approval from the Department.
- While hunting on Department-owned WMA's, no person may consume or be under the influence of intoxicants, including beer, wine, liquor or drugs.

2.12 On WMA lands, during the designated statewide youth deer hunt day, still hunting only, two deer, either-sex.

3.1 On WMA lands hunters may use any shotgun, rifle, bow and arrow or hand gun except that specific weapons may be prohibited on certain hunts. Small game hunters may possess or use shotguns with shot no larger than No. 2 or .22 rimfire rifles/handguns or primitive muzzle-loading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller. Small game hunters may not possess or use buckshot, slugs or shot larger than No. 2. Blow guns, dart guns or drugged arrows are not permitted. Small game hunters using archery equipment must use small game tips on the arrows (judo points, bludgeon points, etc.). The use of crossbows during any archery only season is unlawful except as

allowed by 50-11-565 (see page 30).

For Special Primitive Weapons Seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow and muzzle-loading shotguns (20 gauge or larger) and rifles (.36 caliber or larger) with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitrocellulose or nitro-glycerin components as the propellant charge; ignition at the breech must be by the old type percussion cap which fits on a nipple or by flintstone striking frizzen or a "disk" type ignition system. The use of in-line muzzleloaders and muzzleloaders utilizing a shotgun primer including "disk" type ignition systems is permitted. During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted. Crossbows may be used on WMA and private lands only during firearms and muzzleloader seasons for deer and bear. Use of crossbows during archery only seasons for deer requires special exemption (see page 30 Crossbows).

On WMA lands, big game hunters are not allowed to use military or hard-jacketed bullets or .22 or smaller rimfire. Buckshot is prohibited during still hunts for deer or hogs on the Santee Coastal Reserve, Bucksport, Pee Dee Station Site, Lewis Ocean Bay, Great Pee Dee, Crackerneck, Webb Center, Marsh Furniture, Manchester State Forest, Palachucola, Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve, Donnelley, Francis Marion, Moultrie, Edisto River, Bonneau Ferry and McBee WMA lands.

On DNR-owned WMA's during periods when hunting is permitted, all firearms transported in vehicles must be unloaded. On the Francis Marion Hunt Unit during deer hunts with dogs, loaded shotguns may be transported in vehicles. Any shotgun, centerfire rifle or rimfire rifle or pistol with a shell in the chamber or magazine or muzzleloader with a cap on the nipple or flintlock with powder in the flash pan is considered loaded.

No target practice is permitted on Department-owned WMA 3.5 lands except in specifically designated areas.

3.6 On WMA lands during still gun hunts for deer or hogs there shall be no hunting or shooting from, on or across any road open to vehicle traffic. During any deer or hog hunt there shall be no shooting from, on or across any railroad right-of-way or designated recreational trail on U.S Forest Service or S.C. Public Service Authority property.

NOTE: The regulations for hunting deer on private lands in Game Zones 1, 2, & 4 are contained on page 35 of the Brochure.

On WMA lands with designated check stations, all deer bagged must be checked at a check station. Deer bagged too late for reporting one day must be reported the following day. Unless otherwise specified by the department, only bucks (male deer) may be taken on all WMA lands. Male deer must have antlers visible two (2) inches above the hairline to be legally bagged on "bucks only" hunts. Male deer with visible antlers of less than two (2) inches above the hairline must be taken only on eithersex days or pursuant to permits issued by the department. A point is any projection at least one inch long and longer than wide at some location at least one inch from the tip of the projection. Antler spread is the greatest outside measurement (main beam or points) on a plane perpendicular to the skull. On WMA lands, man drives for deer are permitted between 10: 00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. only, except that no man drives may be conducted on days designated by the department for taking deer of either sex. On WMA lands, drivers participating in man drives are prohibited from carrying or using weapons. On WMA lands, in Game Zones 1, 2 and 4, man drives will be permitted on the last four (4) scheduled either-sex days. A man drive is defined as an organized hunting technique involving two (2) or more individuals whereby an attempt is made to drive game animals from cover or habitat for the purpose of shooting, killing, or moving such animals toward other hunters.

4.2 Deer either-sex days for gun hunts are as follows (See Game Zone sections beginning on page 40 for specific dates):

•Game Zone 1: The first two sets of Fridays and Saturdays in November

•Game Zones 2 - 11: (except Dillon, Horry and Marlboro counties) Saturday after October 3; every Friday and/or Saturday from October 11 to Thanksgiving day inclusive; Saturdays in December beginning 23 days after Thanksgiving day; and the last day of the open season.

 Dillon, Horry and Marlboro counties: Saturday after October 3; beginning October 11, the next 2 Fridays and Saturdays, inclusive, and the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving.

DOGS

5.1 On all WMA lands, dogs may be used for small game hunting unless otherwise specified.

5.2 On all WMA lands in Game Zones 1, 2 and 4, dogs may not be used for rabbit hunting during still gun hunts for deer. Dogs may be used from the close of the gun season for deer until the close of the rabbit season. Dogs may be trained for rabbit hunting from September 1 through September 30 (no guns).

5.3 On WMA lands, dogs may be used for hunting foxes, coyotes, raccoons, bobcats or opossums only between thirty (30) minutes after

official sunset and 30 minutes before official sunrise.

5.4 The Department may permit deer hunting with dogs on WMA areas not located in Game Zones 1, 2, and 4. For the purposes of tracking a wounded deer, a hunter may use one dog which is kept on a leash.

5.5 Dogs may be used to hunt bear on WMA lands in Game Zone 1 during the special bear season.

VEHICLES

All terrain vehicles (ATV's) are not allowed on any heritage preserve.

6.1 On all WMA lands, no hunter may shoot from a vehicle except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take game from any stationary motor driven land conveyance or trailer which is operated in compliance with these rules. For purposes of this regulation, paraplegic means an individual afflicted with paralysis in the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

On Department-owned WMA lands, motor driven land conveyances must be operated only on designated roads or trails. Designated roads and trails on Forest Service lands are those designated with either a name and/or numbered sign. On Forest Service land ATV's can be used only on designated ATV or motorcycle trails. Unless otherwise specified, roads or trails which are closed by barricades and/or signs, either permanently or temporarily, are off limits to motor-driven land conveyances. Enhanced Hunter Access: In Central and Western Piedmont only hunters will be allowed to use "All Terrain Vehicles" (ATVs) behind gates on certain designated roads closed to regular vehicular traffic from September 15, 2005 through March 1, 2006 ONLY. Roads for this use will be indicated by a stenciled statement "ATV hunting Access Permitted - Primary Roads Only" on the cross piece of the gate. Hunters using ATVs are cautioned not to leave designated primary roads and to avoid damage to trees and highly erodible areas. Hunters are also encouraged to help clean up litter along these roads.

6.3 It is unlawful to obstruct travel routes on Department-owned WMA lands.

VISIBLE COLOR CLOTHING

7.1 On all WMA lands during any gun and muzzleloader hunting seasons for deer, bear and hogs, all hunters must wear either a hat, coat, or vest of solid visible international orange, except hunters for dove, tur-

key and duck are exempt from this requirement while hunting for those species.

CAMPING

8.1 Camping is not permitted on DNR-owned WMA lands except in designated camp sites.

TRAPPING

9.1 Trapping on WMA lands is not permitted.

WATERFOWL & DOVE REGULATIONS

Dates, times, locations and regulations for hunts on designated Dove Management Areas (public dove fields) are printed annually. <u>The Public Dove Field List</u> is available August 2 by calling 803-734-3886.

Specific seasons, limits and regulations for waterfowl hunting are printed annually in the <u>SC Migratory Bird Regulations</u> available September 10th.

10.1 Unless specially designated by the Department as a Wildlife Management Area for Waterfowl or a Wildlife Management Area for Dove, all Wildlife Management Areas are open during the regular season for hunting and taking of migratory birds except where restricted to special small game seasons within the regular migratory bird framework.

10.2 The Department may designate sections of Wildlife Management Areas and other lands and waters under the control of the Department as Designated Waterfowl Management Areas or Designated Dove Management Areas. All laws and regulations governing Wildlife Management Areas apply to these special areas. In addition, the Department may set special shooting hours, bag limits, and methods of hunting and taking waterfowl and doves on those areas. All State and Federal migratory bird laws and regulations apply. Regulations pertaining to the use of Dove Management Areas will be filed annually.

10.3 On areas where blinds are not provided, only temporary blinds of native vegetation may be constructed, and once vacated become available for others.

10.4 On Designated Waterfowl Areas, no species other than waterfowl may be taken during waterfowl hunts. On Designated Dove Management Areas no species other than doves may be taken during dove hunts. Only dove hunting is allowed at Lake Wallace WMA.

10.5 No fishing is permitted in any Category 1 Designated Waterfowl Management Area during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

10.6 The Clarks Hill Waterfowl area is closed to hunting except for waterfowl hunting and other special hunts as designated by the SCDNR.

10.7 Santee Cooper WMA is closed to public access from October 20 until March 1, except for special hunts designated by the SCDNR.

10.8 Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area and impoundments on Bonneau Ferry WMA are closed to public access during the period 01 Nov.-01 Mar. except for special hunts designated by the Department.

10.9 Broad River Waterfowl Management Area is closed to hunting access during the period 01 Nov.-01 Feb. except for special hunts designated by the Department.

10.10 Impoundments on Bear Island, Donnelly, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve and Santee Delta WMAs are closed to all public access during the period 15 Oct.-31 Jan. except during special hunts designated by the Department. All public access during the period 01 Feb.-14 Oct. is limited to designated areas.

10.11 Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area is closed to all access one week prior to opening of waterfowl season through January 31, except for scheduled waterfowl hunts. No fishing one week prior to opening of waterfowl season through January 31. All hunters must enter and leave the Potato Creek Hatchery Waterfowl Area through the designated public landing on secondary road 260 and complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hour are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to legal sunset (including the special youth hunt). Hunters may not enter the area prior to 3:00 a.m. on hunt days. Each hunter is limited to twenty-five nontoxic shot shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed. No airboats are allowed for hunting or fishing and no hunting from secondary road 260.

10.12 Hunters may not enter Hatchery WMA prior to 3 AM and must leave the area by 1 PM. Each hunter is limited to twenty-five nontoxic shot

shells (steel, bismuth/tin, bismuth, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-iron) per hunt and no buckshot allowed. Hunters must enter and leave Hatchery WMA through the Hatchery Landing and accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptable prior to leaving the area. No airboats are allowed in the Hatchery WMA for hunting or fishing during the period Nov. 15-Jan. 31. No fishing is allowed during scheduled waterfowl hunts.

10.14 The Francis Marion National Forest, Crackerneck WMA, Palachucola, Tillman Sand Ridge WMA and Webb Wildlife Center are open during special small game seasons within the regular migratory bird seasons; Fant's Grove WMA is open AM only on Wednesdays and

Saturdays during the regular migratory bird seasons.

10.15 Category I Designated Waterfowl Areas include Beaverdam, Bonneau Ferry, Broad River, Clemson, Santee Cooper, Sandy Beach, Samworth, Santee Coastal Reserve, Santee-Delta, Tibwin, Bear Island, and Donnelley Wildlife Management Areas. Hunting in Category I Designated Waterfowl Areas is by special permit obtained through annual computer drawing.

10.16 Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas include Biedler Impoundment, Lake Cunningham, Russell Creek, Monticello Reservoir, Parr . Reservoir, Duncan Creek, Dunaway, Dungannon, Enoree River, Moultrie, Hatchery, Hickory Top, Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir, Lancaster Reservoir, Turtle Island, Little Pee Dee River Complex (including Ervin Dargan, Horace Tilghman), Great Pee Dee River, Oak Lea, Potato Creek Hatchery, Samson Island Unit (Bear Island), Tyger River, Marsh and Wee Tee Waterfowl Management Areas. Hunting on Category II Designated Waterfowl Areas is in accordance with scheduled dates and times.

DESIGNATED WATERFOWL AREAS

Area	Open dates inclusive	Bag Limits					
Biedler Impoundment (Sumter Co.)	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits					
Bear Island (Colleton Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing during regular season.	Federal Limits					
Beaverdam (Anderson Co.)	Hunters Selected by drawing during regular season.	Federal Limits					
Bonneau Ferry (Berkeley Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits					
Broad River (Fairfield Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits					
Donnelley (Colleton Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits					
Dunaway (Union Co.)	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits					
Duncan Creek (Laurens Co.)	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits					
Dungannon (Charleston Co.)	Wed. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits					
Enoree River (Newberry Co.)	Sat. AM only during regular season.	Federal Limits					
Clemson (Anderson Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits					
Hatchery (Berkeley Co.)	Sat. AM only and until sunset on the last Sat. of the regular waterfowl season.	Federal Limits					
Hickory Top (Clarendon Co.)	Federal waterfowl seasons.	Federal Limits					
Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir (Clarendon Co.)	Sat. AM 'til 11:00am only during regular season.	Federal Limits					
Lake Cunningham (Greenville Co)	Wed. AM only during during the regular season.	Federal Limits					

Lancaster Reservoir	Mon. & Fri. AM only	Federal Limits					
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Marsh	Wed. and Sat. AM only	Federal Limits					
(Marion Co)	during the regular season.	T. 1. 1					
Monticello Reservoir	Wed. and Sat. AM only	Federal Limits					
(Fairfield Co.)	during the regular season.						
Moultrie	Mon. through Sat. during	Federal Limits					
(Berkeley Co.)	regular season.						
Oak Lea WMA	Wed. AM only during	Federal Limits					
(Clarendon Co.)	regular season after Jan. 1.	D 1 111 1					
Parr Reservoir (Fairfield/Newberry Co.)	Mon. through Sat. during the regular season.	Federal Limits					
Potato Creek Hatchery	Wed. and Sat. only during	Federal Limits					
(Clarendon Co.)	regular season.	rederar Ellinis					
Russell Creek	Wed. and Sat. AM only	Federal Limits					
(McCormick Co.)	during the regular season.						
Samson Island Unit	Thurs. and Sat. am only	Federal Limits					
(Bear Island)	during the regular season.						
(Colleton Co.)	TT . 1 . 11 1 .	T. 1. 1.T					
Samworth (Georgetown Co.)	Hunters selected by drawing	Federal Limits					
Sandy Beach	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits					
(Berkeley Co.)	Trancers selected by drawing.	reactar Emilies					
Santee Coastal Res.	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits					
(Charleston/Georgetow	rn Co.'s)						
Santee Cooper	Hunters selected by drawing.	Federal Limits					
(Orangeburg Co.)							
Santee-Delta	Hunters selected by drawing	Federal Limits					
(Georgetown Co.)	C 1 1	D. 11 I toute.					
Tibwin	Special hunts by drawing.	Federal Limits					
Turtle Island (Jasper Co.)	Wed. and Sat. AM only during the regular season.	Federal Limits					
Tyger River	Sat. AM only during	Federal Limits					
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Great Pee Dee	Wednesdays during federal	Federal Limits					
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10.17 On Hickory Top WMA public waterfowl hunting without a Wildlife Management Area(WMA) permit is allowed on all land and water below 76.8'. Waterfowl hunting at or above elevation 76.8' requires a WMA permit. A WMA permit is required for waterfowl hunting in Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir

10.18 Designated Dove Management Areas include all dove management areas as published by the Department in the annual listing of WMA public dove fields and are subject to regulations filed annually.

10.19 Hickory Top Greentree Reservoir is closed to all public access November 1 until March 1, except for special hunts designated by SCDNR. All hunters must accurately complete a data card and deposit card in receptacle prior to leaving the area. Hunting hours are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until 11:00 am. Hunters may not enter the area prior to 5:00 am on hunt days. Each hunter is limited to 25 non-toxic shot shells per hunt and no buck shot is allowed. No hunting from roads or the dike system. Only electric motors on boats are allowed.

10.20 On Enoree River Waterfowl Area each hunter is limited to 25

non-toxic shot shells per hunt and no buckshot is allowed.

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

11.1 Taking of any amphibian or reptile, except the bullfrog, is prohibited on any Department-owned Wildlife Management Areas without written permission of the Department.

123-52.DEER HUNTING ON PRIVATE LANDS IN GAME ZONES 1, 2 AND 4 (50-11-310, 50-11-350, 50-11-390).

- 1. Seasons as filed and listed in this brochure.
- 2. Hunters may use any shotgun, rifle, bow and arrow or hand gun except that specific weapons may be prohibited on certain hunts.
- 3. For Special Primitive Weapons Seasons, primitive weapons include bow and arrow and muzzle-loading shotguns (20 gauge or larger) and rifles (.36 caliber or larger) with open or peep sights or scopes, which use black powder or a black powder substitute that does not contain nitro-cellulose or nitro-glycerin components as the propellant charge; ignition at the breech must be by the old type percussion cap which fits on a nipple or by flintstone striking frizzen or a "disk" type ignition system. The use of in-line muzzleloaders and muzzleloaders utilizing a shotgun primer including "disk" type ignition systems is permitted. During primitive weapons season, no revolving rifles are permitted.
- 4. Hunters are not allowed to take deer with military or hard-jacketed bullets or .22 or smaller rimfire.

- 5. It is unlawful to hunt deer with dogs in Game Zones 1, 2 and 4.
- 6. On all private lands(in Game Zones 1,2,&4), baiting or hunting over a baited area is prohibited. As used in this section, "bait" or baiting" means the placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat, or other grain or other food stuffs to constitute an attraction, lure, or enticement to, on, or over any area. "Baited area" means an area where bait is directly or indirectly placed, deposited, exposed, distributed, or scattered and the area remains a baited area for ten (10) days following the complete removal of all bait.

123-53. BEAR HUNTING RULES AND SEASONS (50-11-430)

- 1. The open season for taking bears by still hunting in Game Zone 1 is Monday through Saturday the $3^{\rm rd}$ week in October. 1 bear, no bears 100 lbs. or less, no sow with cubs at her side.
- 2. The open season for taking bears with the aid of dogs by a party permitted by the Department in Game Zone 1 is Monday through Saturday the 4th week in October. 3 bears per party, no bears 100 lbs. or less, no sow with cubs at her side. Maximum party size is 25. Groups hunting together are considered 1 party.
- 3. All parties must register with SCDNR, 153 Hopewell Road, Pendleton, SC 29670 by September 15. All harvested bear must be reported to the Clemson Wildlife Office @ 864-654-1671 ext. 19 within 24 hours of harvest.

The Heritage Trust Program: Heritage Preserves

The Heritage Trust Program

The Heritage Trust Program is part of the Habitat Protection Section of the SCDNR's Land, Water and Conservation Division. The Heritage Trust Program has acquired and manages 69 Heritage Preserves encompassing 81,294 acres statewide. Heritage Preserves protect cultural resources such as archaeological and historic sites, plus threatened species and ecosystems. Public recreation — including boating, hiking, nature observation, photography, hunting or fishing — is allowed on many preserves.

Twenty-four preserves (52,032 acres: 64% of the total acreage in the Heritage Trust Program) are also Wildlife Management Areas and are therefore open to public hunting in accordance with certain guidelines. The remaining preserves are not hunted because of their small acreage, public safety factors, or other legal, security, or biological factors.

Many roads are gated and open only for management or law enforcement purposes because Heritage Preserves contain unique, sensitive, and rare elements vulnerable to vehicular and inordinate foot traffic, and because the Heritage Trust Act emphasizes "on-foot" access. All terrain vehicles are prohibited on all Heritage Preserves. Bag limits and season lengths on Heritage Preserves are set with the aim of restoring or maintaining ecological integrity, which consists of natural processes (such as human predation), natural structure, and native species composition. Hunting, besides being an important cultural and recreational activity, is an important management tool on and near certain heritage preserves. The Heritage Trust Program has followed the lead of several other WMAs and prohibited hunting of fox squirrels.

Cultural resources are strictly protected on heritage preserves. All projectile points (e.g. arrowheads) are protected. It is illegal to take or otherwise disturb any cultural resource or to possess a metal detector on any Heritage Preserve.

All snakes (including venomous snakes) and other reptiles and amphibians, as well as any non-game plant or animal, are protected on all Heritage Preserves. It is illegal to harm or harass any of these animals or disturb plants.

SCDNR Heritage Preserve Regulations

1. Visitation and use of Heritage Preserves are governed by regulations to promote public enjoyment of the land while preserving the features

that make them special.

- 2. Heritage preserves are open for public use from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset unless otherwise posted or publicized. Exceptions may occur for a special hunting season or field trip, in designated camping areas, or for approved research or other projects.
- 3. Parking is allowed only for preserve visitors and only in designated areas (which may be parking lots and/or roadsides, depending on the preserve). Any other parking is prohibited. No vehicle shall block any road, regardless of whether the road is gated.
- 4. Collection, removal, or possession of, or damaging or destroying any nongame animal, plant, rock, fossil, artifact, or ecofact, or the possession of a metal detector on a Heritage Preserve are all prohibited without written permission from the SCDNR.
- 5. No person shall abuse, damage, deface or destroy land, structures, signs, or improvements on a Heritage Preserve.
- 6. There shall be no placement of trash, debris, rubbish, waste, or chemicals on preserves.
- 7. The consumption or display of any alcoholic beverage while operating or riding as a passenger in any vehicle and public drunkenness are not allowed. Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed by a person of lawful age only while camping at a designated campsite.
- 8. Camping and fires are not permitted unless areas have been designated or special written permission from SCDNR has been granted.
- 9. All terrain vehicles (ATVs) are prohibited on all Heritage Preserves.
- 10. Motorized vehicles are allowed only on designated roadways. Bicycles, horses, and other conveyances are allowed only on designated trails of specified preserves.
- 11. Hunting is allowed only on designated preserves and only in accordance with Wildlife Management Area regulations.
- 12. Firearms are not allowed, except on heritage preserves designated as Wildlife Management Areas and then only in accordance with Wildlife Management Area regulations, or as otherwise provided by state law. Target and other practice shooting are prohibited.
- 13. No plants, animals, or other organisms may be introduced on the property.
- 14. All or part of a Heritage Preserve may be closed to the public to protect a species, or natural, cultural, historical, or archaeological features.15. Violators will be prosecuted.

Wildlife Management Areas

WMA Program

Through the cooperative effort of private landowners, the U.S. Forest Service and the SCDNR, Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are provided for the enjoyment of all wildlife enthusiasts. Funds generated from the sale of WMA permits enables DNR to lease approximately 1.2 million acres of land for wildlife conservation and management. Heritage Preserves are properties acquired by SCDNR for the primary purpose of protecting habitat for rare and endangered species. Some Heritage Preserves offer game hunting opportunities, and, therefore, are included in the WMA Program.

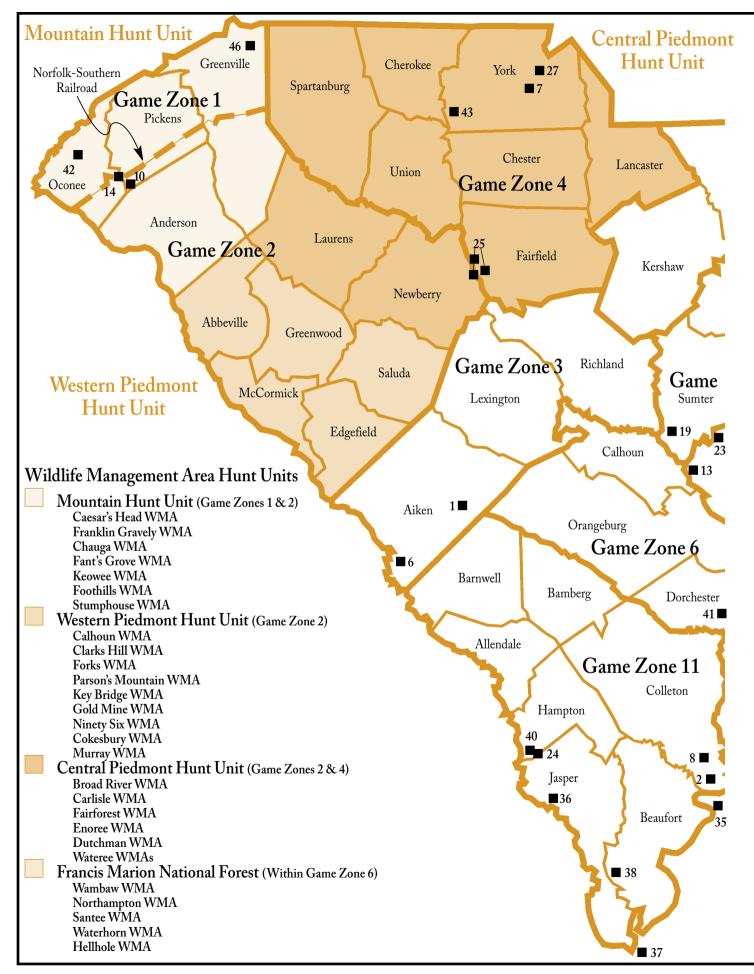
All persons using WMA lands are reminded that only U.S. Forest Service lands and those areas marked by WMA signs are open to the

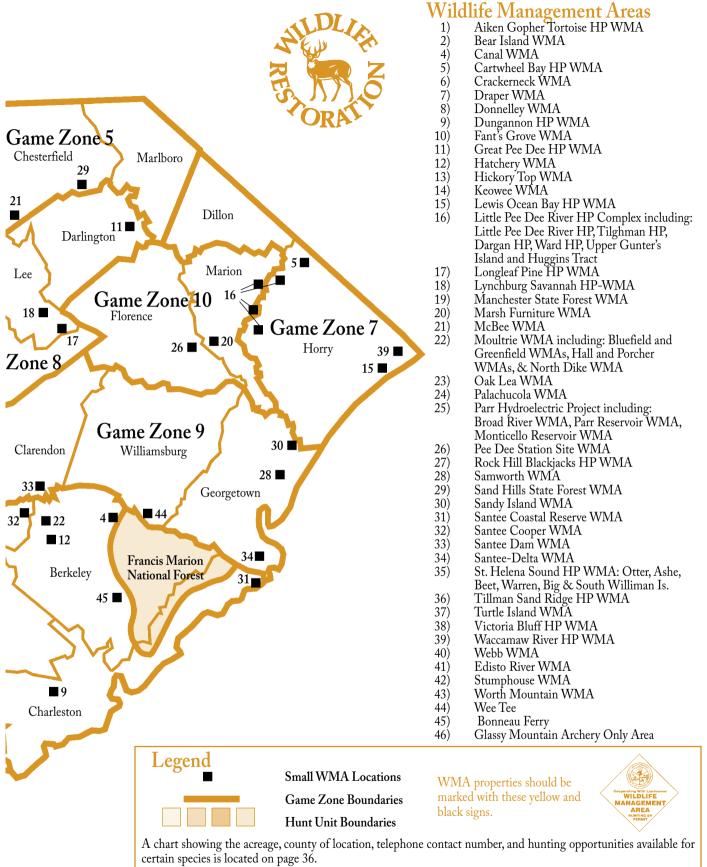
public. Lands not posted with these signs are the property of private individuals, and landowner permission must be obtained.

General locations of the areas described below are shown on the map on pages 38 and 39. For detailed maps showing these and other WMA lands write WMA MAPS, SCDNR, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC, 29202 or call 803-734-3886.

Wildlife Management Area Properties

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Bear Island*	12,021	Colleton	843-844-8957	x	х			х	х	х	х	х	х	
Bonneau Ferry*	10,700	Berkeley	843-825-3387	х	х		х	П	х	х	х	х	х	
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Central Piedmont Hunt Unit	183,706	Cherokee, Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster, Laurens, Newberry, Spartanburg, Union, York	803-734-3886	х			х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х
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Dungannon Heritage Preserve*	643	Charleston	843-844-8957	х					х					
Edisto River*	1,375	Dorchester	843-844-8957	х	х		х	х	х	х	х	х	х	\neg
Francis Marion National Forest	250,000	Berkeley, Charleston	843-825-3387	х	х		х	х	х	х	х	х	х	\neg
Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve*	2,725	Darlington	843-661-4768	х	х		х	П	х		х		х	ヿ
Hatchery	2,400	Berkeley	843-825-3387	х				\Box	х					\dashv
Hickory Top	1,105	Clarendon	843-825-3387	х			х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х
Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve*	9,393	Horry	843-546-9489	x			х		П	х	х	х	х	х
Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve* Complex	10,226	Horry, Marion	843-546-9489	х	х		х	Н	х	Х	х	х	х	х
Longleaf Pine Heritage Preserve*	843	Lee	843-661-4768	х				\Box		Х	х	х		$\overline{}$
Lynchburg Savannah Heritage Preserve*	291	Lee	843-661-4768	+				\vdash	\Box	X		x		\dashv
Manchester State Forest	23,135	Sumter	803-734-3609	х	Х		Х	х	х	X	х	Х	х	х
Marsh Furniture	8,231	Marion	843-661-4768	X	X		X	A	х	X	X	Х	X	x
McBee*, Angelus*, Crossroads*	1,194	Chesterfield	843-661-4768	X	-		X	х	A	X	X	X	X	X
Moultrie	9,480	Berkeley	843-825-3387	X			X	X	х	X	X	X	X	x
Mountain Hunt Unit	167,472	Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens	864-654-1671	X	х	Х	X	X	x	X	X	X	X	x
Oak Lea WMA	2,000	Clarendon	843-825-3387	X	-	Α.	X	X	x	Α.	X	Х	X	x
Palachucola	6,757	Hampton, Jasper	803-625-3569	X	Х		X	X	x		X	X	X	X
Parr Hydroelectric Project	4,400	Fairfield, Newberry	843-661-4768	X	Λ.		Λ	Λ	X		А	X	X	_
Pee Dee Station Site	2,701	Florence	843-661-4768	X			Х	Н	Λ	Х	х	X	X	х
Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve*	291	York	843-661-4768	X			Α.	\vdash	\vdash	Λ.	А	Λ	Λ	_
Samworth*	1,588	Georgetown	843-546-9489	X	Х			х	Х					\dashv
Sand Hills State Forest	46,000	Chesterfield, Darlington	843-661-4768	X	А		Х	X	X	Х	Х	х	Х	х
Sandy Island	9,165	Georgetown	843-546-9489	X	Х		A	А	Α.	А	А	А	А	_
Santee Coastal*	24,000	Charleston, Georgetown	843-546-8665	+	X		7/	\vdash	v	v	Х	v	х	\dashv
Santee Coastal Santee Cooper	3,144	Orangeburg	843-825-3387	X	X		X		X	X		X	-	_
Santee Cooper Santee Dam	575	Clarendon	803-825-3387	X			X	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X
Santee-Delta*	1,722			X	X		Х	Х		X	Х	Х	Х	Х
St. Helena Sound Heritage Preserve*	1,722	Georgetown Beaufort	843-546-9489	X	X			$\vdash\vdash$	Х					\dashv
Ü	1	-	843-844-8957	X				Н	Х					-
Tillman Sand Ridge Heritage Preserve*	1,422	Jasper	803-625-3569	X	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X
Turtle Island*	1,700	Jasper	803-625-3569	+	_			\sqcup	х					_
Victoria Bluff Heritage Preserve*	1,111	Beaufort	803-625-3569	Х			Х	Х	\vdash	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve*	5,347	Horry	843-546-9489	Х			Х	X	\vdash		Х		Х	_
Webb*	5,866	Hampton	803-625-3569	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	х
Wee Tee	12,439	Williamsburg, Georgetown	843-825-3387	Х			х	Ш	Ш		х		х	Х
Western Piedmont Hunt Unit	146,561	Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda	864-223-2731	х			х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х
Worth Mountain	1,643	York	843-661-4768	x			х	x	ı	Х	х	х	х	х





A vast amount of WMA lands are located in the Mountain, Central and Western Piedmont Hunt Units. The areas on this map show the approximate locations for the major Wildlife Management Areas in South Carolina. For detailed maps showing all WMAs contact your local DNR Wildlife Management Office (see page 58) or write: WMA MAPS, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC, 29202 (803)734-3886. Request by county of interest.